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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Imperial– Government Website Down after Ryuk Malware Hacking, Ransom Demands

(U) The Imperial County government website system has been down for six days due to an outside hack. A Ryuk ransomware note appeared online following the incident. It warned that the system network had been penetrated and demanded payment in bitcoin. County officials confirmed that Ryuk was responsible.

SOURCE: 19 April 2019, [KTLA 5](#)

(U) Los Angeles– Officer in Stable Condition after Being Shot in South LA

(U) A Los Angeles Police Department officer was shot while conducting a traffic stop in South LA. Two suspects abandoned the vehicle leading to a foot pursuit and an officer-involved shooting. The officer was hospitalized, underwent surgery, and is in stable condition. Once suspect was struck by gunfire and his condition is unknown. The second suspect escaped and is believed to be armed.

SOURCE: 20 April 2019, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) Riverside– Authorities Seize \$20 Million Worth of Marijuana from Illegal Grow Operation

(U) An anonymous tipster led California police to uncover one of the largest marijuana farms ever in the city of Riverside. Authorities were called to a 10-acre property where they found more than 40,000 marijuana plants growing inside a large greenhouse. Authorities estimated that the street value of the plants to be \$20 million. No arrests were made.

SOURCE: 20 April 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) New Mexico – Armed Civilian Border Group Member is Arrested in New Mexico

(U) Las Cruces – A New Mexico man belonging to an armed group that has detained Central American families near the US-Mexico border was arrested in a border community on a criminal complaint of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition. Federal authorities warned private groups to avoid policing the border. Authorities did not provide information on the detainee and advised no additional information would be released until after Monday's initial appearance.

SOURCE: 20 April 2019, [LA Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Man Charged with Threatening Congress Members over Phone

(U) Tamarac – Authorities arrested a Florida man for making threatening communications to three congressional members on Friday. The messages, pertaining to a variety of topics, specifically mentioned the elected officials being killed. The individual was previously investigated for a message left in February for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

SOURCE: 19 April 2019, [AP News](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) District of Colombia – Man Arrested in North Korea Embassy Attack in Madrid**

(U) Washington – A man suspected of involvement in a mysterious dissident group's raid on North Korea's Embassy in Madrid was arrested in Los Angeles by US authorities. The suspect, a former US Marine, was arrested and charged on Friday. The specific charges against the suspect were not immediately clear. Spanish authorities identified the suspect during an investigation into the 22 February raid and an international arrest warrant was issued against him.

SOURCE: 20 April 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Sri Lanka– More than 200 Killed in Easter Sunday Bombings in Sri Lanka**

(U) Colombo – At least nine bombs tore through churches and hotels in three Sri Lankan cities on Easter Sunday. The death toll has risen to at least 290, with more than 500 others wounded. The coordinated blasts were described as a terrorist attack by religious extremists. The US Embassy in Colombo has confirmed at least four US citizens were killed in the bombings. Sri Lanka's state minister for defense advised 13 suspects have been apprehended and the attacks appear to have been carried out by suicide bombers.

SOURCE: 21 April 2019, [CBS News](#)

(U) Afghanistan – ISIS Claims Kabul Attack that Killed Seven

(U) Kabul – The Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate has claimed a suicide attack in the capital that killed seven people. Afghan officials stated a suicide bomber struck outside the Telecommunications Ministry, clearing the way for four other gunmen to enter the heavily-guarded compound in central Kabul. All the attackers were killed in an hours long gun battle. ISIS has carried out several attacks in Afghanistan in recent years targeting the country's Shiite minority and the Taliban.

SOURCE: 21 April 2019, [Seattle Times](#)

(U) Congo – Militiamen Kill Senior World Health Organization Official in Attack on Ebola Center

(U) Goma – Heavily armed militiamen attacked a hospital treating Ebola patients in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo killing a senior World Health Organization epidemiologist and injuring two others. Three assailants from a local self-defense militia attacked the hospital. The outbreak is now spreading at its fastest rate since being declared last August, due largely to a spate of attacks by militiamen.

SOURCE: 19 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mali – Attack on Mali Army Base Kills 11 Soldiers

(U) Bamako – Gunmen attacked a Malian army base in a dawn raid killing 11 soldiers and burning the camp in west-central Mali. The unidentified armed assailants attacked the base after approaching in a convoy of 11 vehicles. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Central Mali has been overrun by jihadist with links to al-Qa'ida in the past few years.

SOURCE: 21 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Four Killed in Failed Attack on Saudi State Security Building

(U) Riyadh – Four alleged ISIS militants were killed when authorities thwarted an attack on a state security building in Saudi Arabia's central Riyadh province. Three security force members were injured in the attack and security services were dealing with "explosive materials" and other items left behind during the incident. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 21 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

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